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1. MINISTRY OF INTERIOR ON SEPTEMBER 1, IN A SPECIAL BULLETIN PRIOR TO THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE TO ROME FOR THE PAPAL INVESTITURE ANNOUNCED THE REMOVAL FROM PEN STATUS OF 69 EXECUTIVE DETAINEES, GRANTED THE "RIGHT OF OPTION" TO 3 PERSONS AND THE EXPULSION OF ONE OTHER.

2. THE FOLLOWING US INTEREST CASES WERE AFFECTED BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT:

-- JORGE NOE FAILZAIG (306/78/3) - REMOVED FROM PEN
-- ISAAC HECTOR MOCHON (305/78/3) - REMOVED FROM PEN
-- DANIEL JORGE PEZZUTTI (501/78/8) - REMOVED FROM PEN
-- GUILLERMO MARTIN VILLALOBOS (211/77/11) - "RIGHT OF OPTION TO LEAVE THE COUNTRY".

3. THE MOCHON AND FAINZAIG CASES ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST.

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THEY ARE AMONG THE LAST PERSONS BEING HELD UNDER EXECUTIVE DETENTION FOR "ECONOMIC CHARGES". THEIR FAMILIES HAVE ALLEDGED THAT THE REAL MOTIVE FOR THE

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C. BRIGADA DE LA POLICIA DE BUENOS AIRES: IN SAN JUSTO, LA MATANZA.

D. JUNIN, PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES. A MILITARY INSTALLATION WHICH WAS TO BE A BARRACKS. IT IS BELIEVED THAT THERE ARE MANY PEOPLE DETAINED HERE PERMANENTLY. THE BUILDING LOOKS LIKE A PRISON.

E. SANTA ROSA, CAPITAL OF LA PAMPA PROVINCE. THERE IS BELIEVED TO BE A LARGE CAMP HERE.

F. BASE NAVAL DE PUERTO BELGRANO PLUS NAVY BUILDINGS ALL ALONG THE COAST FROM BAHIA BLANCA TO NECOCHEA.

G. CAMP DE MAYO BARRACKS IN BUENOS AIRES. A LARGE AND PERMANENT CAMP.

H. CORDOBA: LA PERLA MILITARY CAMP. IT HAS A FURNACE TO BURN BODIES.

I. TO THE EAST AND NORTH OF CORDOBA NEAR LA RIOJA RELEASED PRISONERS CLAIM THAT THERE IS A LARGE CAMP NEAR MOUNTAINS WHERE THERE ARE HUNDREDS OF PRISONERS. FOOD IS DELIVERED BY HELICOPTERS.

J. THERE ARE ALSO REPORTS THAT SOME ESTANCIAS (CATTLE RANCHES) IN THE PROVINCE OF BUENOS AIRES ARE USED AS PERMANENT, UNOFFICIAL DETENTION CENTERS. END QUOTE.

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2. DEPARTMENT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION EMBASSY MAY HAVE WHICH COULD VERIFY OR SUBSTANTIATE THE EXISTENCE OF THESE ALLEGED CAMPS. CHRISTOPHER

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